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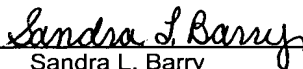
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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>ADAPTIVE ENERGY ABSORBING SYSTEM USING PIN PULLERS</b>		
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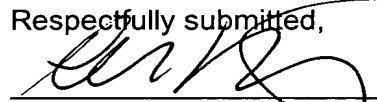
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